

MANAGER MORAN PROTESTS GAME, CLAIMING UMPIRE RIGLER EXCEEDED AUTHORITY AND MAKES ODD DECISION

PHILLIES LOSE GAME WHEN UMPIRE EXCEEDS AUTHORITY AND MAKES ODD DECISION

Charley Rigler Calls Play Coming Under Harrison's Jurisdiction and Champions Are Deprived of Well-Earned Victory

NO BASEBALL game played in this city since 1907, when "SIR" O'Loughlin made his famous ruling of interference with Sam Crawford by a spectator, which cost the Athletics the pennant, has caused so much comment as the decision of Umpire Charley Rigler in the Philly-Cincinnati game yesterday afternoon.

Here's the play: Ducey, running for Luderus, on second and Stock on first with one man out in the ninth inning and Cincinnati one run in the lead. Bill Killefer caught a fast ball just to his liking and lifted it far over Neale's head toward the bleachers.

The game ended a few minutes later, when Paskert, batting in place of McQuillan, fanned, and Cooper forced Killefer at second. According to Rule 37, Section 3, the umpire acted within his rights, providing the fan really touched the ball, but it was the business of the umpire behind the plate, Harrison, to make the decision and not Rigler.

Rigler Exceeded Authority

The play was all lost on Harrison, who failed to see anything wrong. He was thrusting off to the dressing room, anxious to make an early train to Cincinnati, Rule 37, Section 3, reads: If a person not engaged in the game should retain possession of a blocked ball, throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders the umpire (meaning the umpire in chief or the official behind the plate) shall call "time" and require each runner to stop at the base last touched by him until the ball shall be returned to the pitcher in his position, and the umpire shall have called "play."

We do not believe in trying to place the blame upon the umpires for the loss of a game, and would not when it is a question of judgment, but in this case the umpire in question exceeded his authority, and Manager Moran is justified in protesting the game.

Manager Moran has submitted affidavits from the policemen stationed about the field and hundreds of spectators, who came to the clubhouse after the game, who declared that the fan did not touch the ball. As President Tener recently upheld the umpires at the investigation held in New York, it is not likely that anything will come of the protest, but it is time for the league boss to open his eyes to conditions.

When Tom Lynch was president of the National, he upheld the umpires to such an extent that conditions became intolerable. The umpires became so important that the players could not even protest mildly. As a result, the fans lost interest in the games because there was not enough excitement. The ultimate outcome was that umpire troubles resulted in the overthrowing of Lynch in favor of Tener after the 1914 season.

Screen Should be Erected

IT WAS a heart-breaking game to lose after such a splendid rally, but it may serve as a lesson to the Philly owners. National League clubs have requested the Philadelphia management to put up a screen above the concrete barrier, and have gone so far as to try to have the league pass a rule on this point, but the Phils have refused to consider the proposition.

This season the low bleacher wall has cost the Phillies more games than it has won, but as it was a handy thing in other years, the owners refused to erect the screen. A team playing 77 games at home has a great advantage under ordinary conditions, but it has proved a boomerang to the champions this year.

There is absolutely no reason why a screen should not be placed above the concrete wall, as it will do away with the element of luck on drives which bound beyond the fielders. Any player who hits the ball into the seats clearly is deserving of a home run, but the bounding drives are not legitimate circuit smashes, and would not be if a screen from 4 to 10 feet high was erected.

The Same Play That Came Up in 1913

IT HAS been claimed that this decision establishes a precedent on the Philly field, but such is not the case. We can recall distinctly a similar ruling made by Bill Klem during a game between the Phillies and Giants in 1913 when Johnny Dodge, who was killed by a pitched ball a month ago while playing in the Southern League, lost a legitimate home run and the Phillies a victory because a fan could not wait for a ball which surely would have landed in the bleachers. In that game, however, Klem was umpire-in-chief.

On this occasion Lobert was on second with the score a tie. Dodge was batting about .100 at the time, and it was really surprising that a pinch hitter was not substituted. Manager Dooin decided to take a chance on Dodge, who responded with the longest drive he ever made on the home field. The ball struck just in front of the bleachers, and was about to bound into the seats when a spectator reached far over the rail and tried to catch the ball on the first bounce.

The fan failed in his purpose, and the ball rolled away from Fred Snodgrass, who was playing center field. As the spectator had violated a rule by leaning out over the playing field, and because the home team is held responsible for the actions of the fans, Klem, the umpire in authority, immediately ordered Lobert to stop at third base and Dodge was brought back to first. The next batter went out, and the Phils lost a well-earned victory on a technicality, the Giants winning out in the last inning.

Phillies Used Poor Judgment

WHILE the Phillies deserved the victory because of the rally, in other respects Moran's men were not entitled to win. They played poor offensive ball and used miserable judgment at the bat. If the Phils had played their usual style of ball, it would not have been necessary for them to take their turn at bat in the ninth inning. No less than three runs were tossed away because of poor judgment and an attempt to overwork the hit and run play on a spit-ball pitcher.

The champions tried to kill the ball throughout the game, completely overlooking the possibilities of winning the game after it had been tied through the use of the sacrifice hit. Moseley looked easy and was batted harder than the score would indicate, but the Phils thought they could slug their way to victory. The result was many long flies to the outfield, Roush alone having seven putouts. The Phils still have an excellent chance to overhaul the Dodgers if they start a winning streak, but they will not do so if they do not use better judgment than was shown yesterday.

Tilden Developing Powerful Service

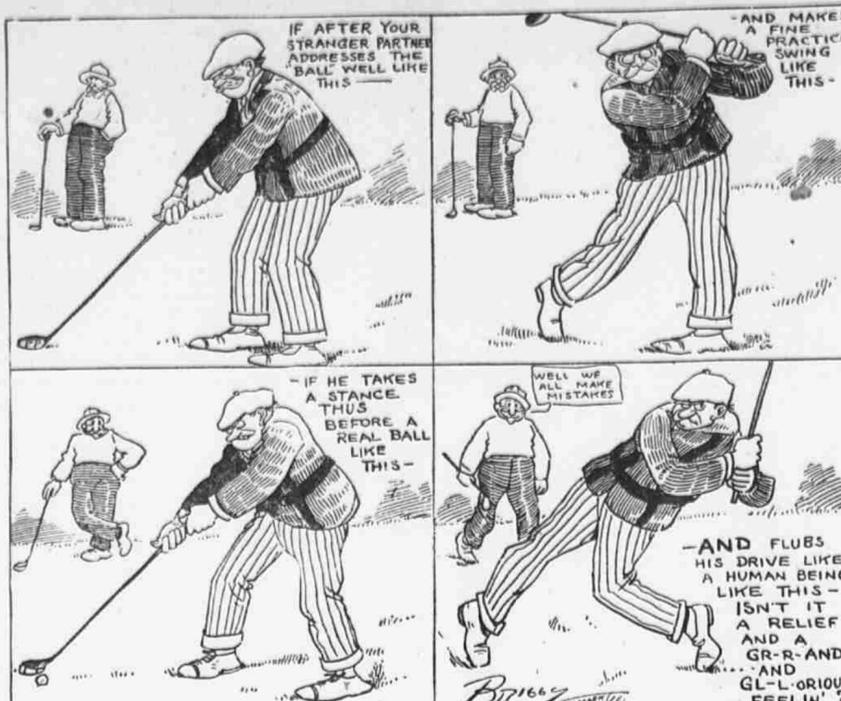
THE continued success of W. T. Tilden, 2d, in the various lawn tennis tournaments this season has been due largely to his splendid service. There are some experts who believe that when Tilden's service is working well he has as much speed behind his drives as Maurice McLoughlin, who was admitted to have the most dazzling service in the world when he was at top form.

Realizing the importance of the service to round out a great game, Tilden began some years ago to lay particular stress on this end of the game. The young Philadelphia has now developed his service to a point where it is virtually unplayable when he gets his first ball in. However, at times he gets badly off and double faults frequently.

Tilden uses the straight American service. He is more than six feet tall and is, therefore, naturally fitted to take advantage of the value of a good service. His drives have a sharp break, and are usually placed so cleverly in the court that the striker-out often fails to even touch the ball on an attempted return.

Tilden follows his service to the net, and is always in a position to make a kill of a weak or unsteady return. Oftentimes McLoughlin had points scored on him because he failed to go to the net, working on the theory that his opponents had no chance to return his service. Tilden saw this fault in the great Californian, and has profited by it.

ISN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?



UMPIRES ALLOWED TOO MUCH LIBERTY, SAYS PAT MORAN

Claims Players' Rights Have Been Usurped and Arbiters Too 'Important'

SENDS "NOTE" TO TENER

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

Manager Pat Moran, of the Phillies, a leader who has never been known to "squelch" or blame the defeats of his team to poor umpiring, has written to President Tener, of the National League, explaining his views of yesterday's fiasco and also telling the former Governor just what he thinks of all National League umpires in general and a few in particular.

Just how Moran worded his letter we do not know, but judging by a few things he told us this morning, President Tener will not be so well pleased with himself. Moran declares that the umpires have become too "important" and that they are allowed too much freedom, whereas the players' rights have been taken from him.

Moran further states that Bill Killefer, who is considered the best catcher in the National League, may never be able to play because Umpire Harrison permitted Louden to step across the plate and jab the Philly receiver with his bat just as he was about to throw to second to stop an attempted steal by Neale. Moran insists that Harrison's attention was called to this trick, but that he never pays any attention to the protests.

If Killefer is lost to the Phillies for any length of time it will mean that the team is out of the pennant race. Eddie Burns is a capable receiver, as his work last fall after relieving Killefer proved conclusively. In discussing the Phillies' protest of yesterday's game Manager Moran said: "I am protesting the game because I don't think Rigler had any right to make the decision. A decision of that sort rests entirely with the umpire behind the plate, and Harrison was walking off the field when Rigler called us all back."

"If Rigler had been tending to business he would have been watching Ducey and Stock to see that they touched all the bases. How does he know whether one or both did not cut a base 10 or 15 feet if he had his eyes on the outfield?"

"I have seen a lot of incompetent umpiring in my time, but it never was so bad as it is this season. They raised a howl about the umpires under Tom Lynch, claiming that they were unjust in everything and given too much power, but it was nothing like it is now. President Tener recently upheld the umpires when several clubs protested against the work of a few officials, but no one knows why. He evidently has not seen much of them."

"We are not protesting the game merely to have it thrown out. We want it awarded to us. We won it fairly and should have it. No doubt President Tener will uphold his umpires again, but if he does it is an outrage; that is all I have to say. Rigler batted into something that did not concern him, while Harrison was sound asleep, as he always is."

"Harrison stood within two feet of Louden when he deliberately interfered with Killefer when Neale was stealing in the ninth inning. We protested, but he said he did not see it. I did not mind the fact that Neale afterward scored the run that put the Reds ahead of us, but because Louden jabbed Killefer in the shoulder with his bat, and the arm, which was injured last fall, was hurt again, every thing is injured. It is possible that a little ruf and a light workout today will bring him around, but there also is a chance that he will be ruined forever. You know Killefer's arm is not any too strong yet, although he has been throwing splendidly, and any sort of an accident may put him back where he was last fall."

"All I have to say is that if the National League does not get some umpires soon, or take the chip off the shoulders of those they have now, they will make them work the fans of several cities will not patronize the team long. You have never heard me roast an umpire before, but there is a limit to everything."

Runs Scored in a Week by Major League Clubs

Runs scored by all teams in American and National Leagues from Saturday, August 5, to Friday, August 11, inclusive. Only runs that were in official averages are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of games of five innings or more are included in the table.

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing runs scored by various teams like Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, etc.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston at Philadelphia—Clear. Chicago at Cincinnati—Clear. Philadelphia at St. Louis—Clear.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston at Philadelphia—Clear (two games). Chicago at Cincinnati—Clear. Cleveland at St. Louis—Clear.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE: Rochester at Newark—Clear. Montreal at Providence—Clear. Buffalo at Baltimore—Clear (two games). Toronto at Richmond—Clear (two games).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati, 3; Phillies, 2. New York, 5; St. Louis, 0 (second game). Philadelphia, 1; St. Louis, 0 (second game).

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit, 2; Chicago, 0. St. Louis, 5; Cleveland, 4. St. Louis, 3; Cleveland, 1 (tied in eighth).

MISS DAVIS WINS IN FINAL Qualifies to Play Miss Neely in Western Tennis Challenge Round

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Aug. 12.—The challenge round was reached in women's singles and the semifinals in the other events of the western tennis championship here yesterday.

The only thing approaching an upset result in the women's singles was when Miss Margaret Davis, of St. Paul, who defeated Miss M. L. Davis, of Chicago, in the challenge round yesterday.

Among the men, Ralph Burdick and Heath Byford won their fifth round singles matches. Byford won a local round while Burdick easily took the measure of J. Harry Walker, the veteran but tired from his exertions in the fourth round of the doubles, in which he and John Neely lost to Green and Ketchum.

Motordrome Races Today There will be two special motor racing events at the Point Breeze Motordrome today. In the afternoon the Foresters of America will hold their annual games and motor race, in which all the prominent riders will take part.

One of the features of the meet will be the appearance of Miss Lucretia Koehler, the only woman amateur motorcyclist in the city. George Columbus, the Italian champion, who has been beaten only by a few yards for the first prize in the sensational 100-mile race on Tuesday night, is slated to meet Miss Koehler and "Grassy" Hoop, of Indiana, in a double race at the session that will take place in the evening.

In spite of his three consecutive defeats Columbus claims that there will be a different story with his present race for the championship cup between "Grassy" Hoop, "Lucky" and Armstrong will precede the race.

Zyisko in Shape for Bout V. Zypso the mighty son of Poland, who is matched to meet Franz Schultz, the German giant, in a ten-round fight at the Philadelphia camp in Mainz, that he is in splendid shape and will arrive in town tomorrow.

QUAKER OARSMEN FAIL TO WIN IN DULUTH REGATTA

Kelly and Smith Beaten by Osman and Kent in Championship Doubles

ROONEY TWICE VICTOR

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 12.—Philadelphia oarsmen failed to come through with a victory in the first day's program of the national rowing championships that were decided over a one and one-quarter mile straightaway course on the St. Louis Bay here yesterday.

The race in which the most interest was centered was senior doubles contest, in which John B. Kelly and Walter Smith, of the Vesper Boat Club, were forced to take the wash of the crack Duluth pair, A. G. Osman and A. R. Kent. The Quaker City representatives were out to retrieve the defeat suffered at the hands of Young Jim Ten Eyck's protest last year at the "national" at Springfield, and although the wearers of the Vesper maroon and gray fought a gallant battle over the rolling whitecaps which were dashing up around the gunwales of the racing shells, they had to be content with second place.

The rough water prevented good time being made, Osman and Kent reaching the finish line in 8 minutes 12 1/2 seconds. Thomas J. Rooney, of the Ravenswood Club, Long Island, carried off honors in two of the races, namely, the association singles of the New York A. C. in the national singles championship today. This race will be for the title now possessed by Robert Dibble, the big Canadian champion, who will be unable to compete owing to the fact that he is serving in the Canadian reserves.

In capturing the association singles Rooney defeated Darling, of the Union B. C., of New York, and A. G. Osman, of Duluth. His time for the contest was 23 1/2. Three Schuykill Navy oarsmen scratched in the event. They were J. Elliot Newlin, of the Philadelphia Barge Club, and George Allison and Edward Shmidheiser, both of the Undine Barge Club.

Seven men were entered in the first event, the quarter-mile dash. They were T. J. Rooney, of the Ravenswood Rowing Club, Long Island; Waldie Smith, of the New York Athletic Club; Arthur J. Osman, of the Duluth Boat Club; G. W. Allison, of the Undine Barge Club, of Philadelphia; Daniel Connelly, of the Minnesota Boat Club, St. Paul; Edward G. Shmidheiser, of the Undine Barge Club, and J. E. Newlin, of the Philadelphia Barge Club.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

The August 23 show scheduled at the National Club will be held in conjunction with the Negro Rika's convention here that week. The Kentucky Rouse and John Henry Johnson, two of the oldest boxers in the world, again will meet in one of the bouts with the Club, and George Young Ahearn, of Brooklyn, and Jack Blackburn.

Charles McCarthy, who disputes Johnny O'Leary's claim to the lightweight championship of Canada, is in Philadelphia again after a visit here he completed in three bouts, viz., Sam Robinson, Charles Thomas and Joe Walsh, but he says he has no chance to show that he knocked out O'Leary in four rounds at Wigan, and that he (McCarthy) possesses the "Tom Flanagan" belt, symbolic of the Canadian championship. McCarthy will be ready to box with the first of September.

In future competition, Gusie Lewis will be matched with his brother Harry, who at one time was recognized as a leading welterweight and middleweight boxer. Gusie's father, "Pop" Besterman, has decided to step down entirely and leave all of the younger Lewis' business to Harry's hands.

Out of the West comes a negro bantam who is said to be a puncher of Joe Walcott's caliber. He is George Dixon, and is a clever as Joe Gans. This would seem altogether impossible, but it is in one thing that he is as good as three negro boxers were, more of him is bound to be the very best. He is a native of Texas, O. is the new chocolate champion's name and home. He is dubbed the "fighting bellhop."

Tommy O'Keefe has been working "longshore all summer, and he says he will be "back in the ring" when he starts his 1916-17 campaign in the Atlantic division. O'Keefe is slated to get a chance at Mickey Dunley, who he meets in the Olympic trials, he is sure he is the Newark man's master in the ring.

A report in way of a threat comes from St. Paul, Minn. Mike Gilmore will leave for Australia to force Lee D'Arcy into a middleweight championship scrap. A 10 to 1 bet would be fair odds that Mike doesn't mean what he says; that he won't take the trip.

Johnny Dundee has entirely recovered from shock caused when he accidentally ran over and killed his New York automobile. He is training again, and next Tuesday night the New York City will take on Johnny Dundee in a 15-round fight. Since leaving Philadelphia O'Leary has met nearly all of the top-notch lightweights.

Two years ago Battling Reddy was a bantamweight, and furthermore, a corking good one. He was the New York full-fledged light-weight. He probably will take the trip to Denver, Colo., to fight the champion, and a sparring partner for the latter's Labor Day championship bout with Charley White.

RED SOX MUST START WEST IN SEPTEMBER WITH BIG LEAD TO HAVE REAL CHANCE, SAYS RICE

Champions Now Face Long Home Stay, and as Pitchers Have Been Effective at Braves' Park, Carrigan Should Gain Ground

By GRANTLAND RICE

Off in the Clammy Night (With Apologies) Off in the clammy night, Ere slumbers chains have bound me, Dull memory brings the blight Of foisted shots that bound me; The puts I blow a foot or two, The mangle pitch that caught some ditch The while I cursed profanely.

More of them, I might mention. Sad memory tugs my sleeve And calls my pained attention To drives I flubbed and puts I flubbed. Of shots I struck with ghouliah luck That buried in some bunker. Off in the anguished night Gnant phantoms crowd my sight Above my sleep to hover. Of flying sand, of torn up land, Of curses holed to Heaven, Of simple Sox I faced with ease The while I took a . . .

There Might Not Be Any Race Sir—Where would the St. Louis Browns be in the race today if they had had Charley Herzog playing third—eight games ahead or twelve games ahead? G. L. R.

Johnston vs. Williams Within the next fortnight or so the tennis test is to outline the American champion for 1916. Just a matter of structure it seems to be a matter of whether or not we mean of necessity that this pair will meet in the final round. But it does seem that one of the two is pretty sure to reach the final round, and having got that far to win.

There are other tennis players capable of beating either man at odd intervals. We doubt very much whether there is another, unless, of course, McLoughlin, a right again, who is capable of going through the field and upsetting a Johnston or a Williams at the finish. As between Johnston and Williams, you can write your own ticket. It will be in the main a matter of which entry happens to be at his best that particular day.

The Mackmen made a terrific effort to smash the Straight Loss record, but were galled in the end. With more than that game, there is still hope left for another record dash.

Who Has the Answer Sir—I see where some one has started the discussion as to whether or not we are people. This interests me no whit. But what I would like to know is this: Are Umpires people? Or are they merely umpires? P. K. T.

Brooklyn now officially has set her date for "cracking up" on Friday night. It is the city either, between the hours of 1 and 1 p. m.

Red Sox at Home The Red Sox now are facing a fairly extended home stay of vital importance. As Carrigan's club spend most of September in the West, the hour now is ripe to get a running start on the Mackmen, and so prepare for any trouble that may follow later on.

To carry a first-class chance the Red Sox must start west in September with a lead, for, while they are facing Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis and Detroit these last three weeks, the White Sox at home will be shooting at the Mackmen, Yankees and Nationals—which is something else again.

Boston has been powerful at home ever since Carrigan's pitching staff came back to life, and with the new stars stillally at stake during the home stay the western clubs will need every detail they have in stock to hold the Red Sox at bay. In the meanwhile, Fielder Jones has

Schedule of Today's Minor League Games DELAWARE COUNTY LEAGUE. Upland at Media. P. 2 and G. at Pottsville. P. 2 and G. at Pottsville. P. 2 and G. at Pottsville. P. 2 and G. at Pottsville.

BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE. Gettysburg at Hagerstown. Chambersburg at Frederick. Hanover at Martinsburg. DAUPHIN-PERRY LEAGUE. Newport at Halifax. Millersville at York. Pottsville at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville.

DAUPHIN-SCHUYLKILL LEAGUE. Williamstown at Towler City. L'kens at Tremont. SCHUYLKILL VALLEY LEAGUE. Narberth at Berwyn. Conshohocken at Billikent. YORK COUNTY LEAGUE. North York at Dallastown. Glen Rock at Red Lion.

TRENTON CITY LEAGUE. P. O. S. of A. at Pottsville. P. O. S. of A. at Pottsville. P. O. S. of A. at Pottsville. P. O. S. of A. at Pottsville.

DELAWARE RIVER LEAGUE. Embury at Pottsville. Mercer at Pottsville. Kennett Square at Avondale. Rockdale at West Chester.

LANCASTER COUNTY LEAGUE. Lancaster at New Albany. Columbia at Quarryville. Mountville at Ephrata. LEHIGH VALLEY LEAGUE. Siglinton at Summit Hill. Pottsville at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville.

ALL-ATLANTIC LEAGUE. Brandtville at Hancock. Pottsville at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville.

P. O. S. OF A. LEAGUE. Marcus Hook at Upland. Pottsville at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville.

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE. Edgemoor at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville. Pottsville at Pottsville.

INTERCOUNTY LEAGUE. Media at Drexel Hill. Highland Park at Norton. Union at Ridley Park.

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